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Appl. No. 10/530,096  
Response Dated April 6, 2007  
Reply to Restriction Requirement of March 6, 2007

**PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Group**  
**Art Unit:** 1712

**Attorney**  
**Docket No.:** 121036-UU/8

**Applicant:** Masashi KUDO et al.

**Invention:** SEALING MATERIAL

**Serial No:** 10/530,096

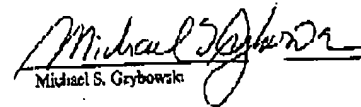
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 6, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application, applicants submit the following:

In the Restriction Requirement the Examiner has taken the position that the application includes claims that are directed to three patentably distinct inventions.

Specifically the Examiner has taken the position that claims 2-6 (Group I) are drawn to a sealing material in combination with an automobile engine cam cover, classified in class 525,